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Art Unit: 2876

Applicant: Weison Technologies Co. Ltd.

REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

Claims 1-6 are pending of which claim 1 has been amended, claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 4-6 have been added for more explicitly describing the claimed invention. Amendment to claim 1 is fully supported at paragraph [0018] of page 5 and Figure 3, and the subject matter of the new claims 4-6 are fully supported at paragraphs [0015]-[0018] of pages 4-5. Therefore, it is believed that no new matter adds by way of amendments made to claims or otherwise to the application. For at least the following reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 3-6 are in proper condition for allowance and reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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Claim Rejection under 35 USC 103

The Office Action rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi et al. (US-2004/0050938, hereinafter Yamaguchi) in view of You et al. (US-2004/0121629).

Applicant respectfully disagrees and traverses the above rejections as set forth below. The proposed amended independent claim 1 is allowable for at least the reason that Yamaguchi and You substantially fail to teach or disclose every features of the claimed invention. More specifically, Yamaguchi and You substantially fail to teach or disclose a memory card connector having user identifier functionality comprising at least "wherein said memory card module comprises a moving mechanism for receiving and releasing said memory card, wherein the moving mechanism moves up and down in a vertical direction", as required by the amended claim 1.

Instead, Yamaguchi, in Figure 5, paragraph [0030] of page 3, as also being noted by the Examiner, substantially discloses that stopper member 41, which the Examiner pointed to be equivalent to the moving mechanism of the claimed connector, is arranged such that it can pivot in a direction indicated by the arrows X2 and Y2 in Figure 5. In other words, Yamaguchi substantially fails to teach, suggest or disclose at least "a memory card module comprises a moving mechanism for receiving and releasing said memory card, wherein the moving mechanism moves up and down in a vertical direction" as required by the amended independent claim 1, instead Yamaguchi substantially teaches that the stopper member 41 pivotally moves in a horizontal direction, i.e. along X2-Y2 direction indicated in Figure 5. Accordingly,

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Yamaguchi cannot meet the claimed invention in this regard.

Furthermore, since the Examiner relied upon You to show that the electronic card connector can be applied to a communication equipment including a mobile or cellular phone, which is conventional, therefore, this showing of You still cannot cure the specific deficiencies of Yamaguchi discussed above. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the combination of Yamaguchi and You, in a manner suggested by the Examiner, cannot possibly render the claimed invention as claimed in the proposed amended independent claim 1 obvious, and therefore the proposed claim 1 should be allowed.

Furthermore, Applicant has added new proposed independent claim 4 to recite "a user identification card, disposed in said user identification module, wherein said user identification card allows an authorized user to read/transmit information stored in a memory card inserted in said memory card module and store information in said memory card, wherein said memory card is previously programmed with authorization to access/store information in said memory card by said authorized user. And, Applicant respectfully submit that both Yamaguchi and You fail to teach, suggest or disclose the above features of security function capable of protecting the data stored in a memory card, instead Yamaguchi substantially discloses a conventional multiple card connector for ensuring correct insertion of cards and You substantially teaches a structure of an electronic connector for securely holding the card inserted in the card slot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the combination of Yamaguchi and You, in a manner suggested by the Examiner, cannot possibly render the claimed invention as claimed in new proposed claim 4 obvious,

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and therefore the new proposed claim 4 should be allowed.

Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that because the yet another new independent claim 5 also recite the features of user identification means for protecting the information stored in the memory card, which is not taught by either Yamaguchi or You, and therefore Applicant similarly submit that the new proposed independent claim 5 also patently define over Yamaguchi and You for at least the same reasons as discussed above, and therefore the new proposed independent claim 5 should also be allowed.

Claims 3 and 6, directly or indirectly, dependent from independent claims 1 and 5 respectively, are also patentable over Yamaguchi and You at least because of their dependency from an allowable base claim.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 3-6 patently define over Yamaguchi and You and therefore should be allowed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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